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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. JAMES RAFTOPOULOS**

Kathleen M. Mehlretter, the Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that James Raftopoulos, age 54, formerly of 10 Manhattan Square Apartments, #17P, Rochester, New York 14607, pled guilty in front of the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to receiving child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that Raftopoulos admitted that he received child pornography images over the internet from a website and that he had traded images with other individuals over the internet. He also admitted that in October 2004, he possessed more than 150 images child

pornography on a computer he owned. Many of the child pornography images depicted prepubescent minors or minors under twelve years old, and portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

Sentencing for Raftopoulos is scheduled for October 26, at 2:30 p.m. His anticipated sentence will be between 121 months.

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